

newspaper is better informed than he who reads them; inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors. (To John Norvell, 1807. C. V., 91.)

NEWSPAPERS.—See The Press,

NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENCE.—I never did in my life, either by myself or by any other, have a sentence of mine inserted in a newspaper without putting my name to it; and I believe I never shall. (To John Adams, 1791. F. V., 355.)

NON-INTERCOURSE.—The idea seems to gain credit that the naval powers combined against France will prohibit supplies even of provisions to that country. Should this be formally notified I should suppose Congress would be called, because it is a justifiable cause of war. * * * But I should hope war would not be their choice. I think it will furnish a happy opportunity of setting another example to the world, by showing nations may be brought to do justice by appeals to their interests as well as by appeals to their arms. I should hope that Congress instead of a denunciation of war would instantly exclude from our ports all the manufactures, produce, vessels and subjects of the nations committing this aggression during the continuance of the aggression and till full satisfaction made for it. This would work well in many ways, safely in all, and introduce between nations another empire than arms. It would relieve us, too, from the risks and the horrors of cutting throats. (To James Madison, 1793. F. VI., 192.)

NOVELS.—A great obstacle to good education is the inordinate passion prevalent for novels, and the time lost in that reading which should be instructively employed. When this passion infects the mind, it destroys its tone and revolts it against wholesome reading. Reason and fact, plain and una-dored, are rejected. Nothing can gain attention unless dressed in all the figments of fancy, and nothing so bedecked comes amiss. The result is a bloated imagination, sickly judgment, and disgust towards all the real business of life. This mass of trash, however, is not without some distinction; some few modelling their narratives, although fictitious, on the incidents